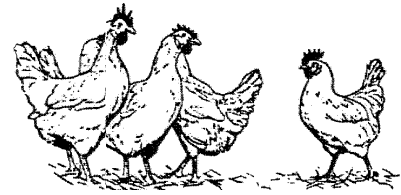


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U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

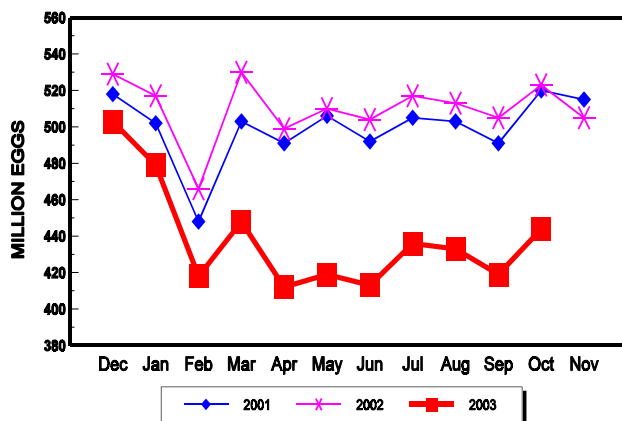
U.S. egg production totaled 7.39 billion during October 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2003 averaged 333 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2002.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 335 million on November 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 335 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.48 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers on November 1, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

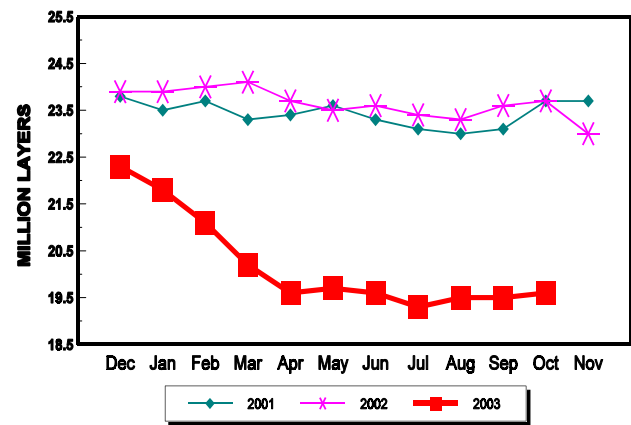
California's egg production during October totaled 444 million, 25.0 million more than last month, but 80.0 million less than last October. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.6 million, slightly above last month, but 17 percent lower than October 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,263 compared to 2,146 last month and 2,214 in October 2002.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,816	9,436	1,925	1,939	189	183	6.0	1.0	14.5	7.0
Arkansas	14,667	14,778	1,868	1,929	274	285	0.0	1.5	12.0	12.0
California	23,664	19,622	2,214	2,263	524	444	5.0	1.5	28.5	37.5
Georgia	20,330	20,200	2,105	2,139	428	432	4.0	1.0	16.0	18.5
Indiana	23,242	22,396	2,298	2,259	534	506	5.5	2.0	23.5	37.0
Iowa	37,876	39,344	2,292	2,369	868	932	4.0	9.0	31.5	28.0
North Carolina	10,725	10,576	1,977	1,995	212	211	1.5	1.0	9.5	11.0
Ohio	30,647	28,969	2,144	2,171	657	629	6.0	5.0	22.5	21.0
Pennsylvania	23,727	24,009	2,348	2,303	557	553	3.5	4.0	18.0	22.5
Texas	18,651	18,454	2,214	2,146	413	396	2.0	1.5	26.0	26.0
UNITED STATES	338,159	333,251	2,192	2,218	7,412	7,392	3.8	3.4	23.5	24.1

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The October 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 735 million, was up 2 percent from October of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 588 million eggs in incubators on November 1, 2003, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.50 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2003, up 4 percent from October 2002.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	100,667	101,931	101
Arkansas	103,526	108,555	105
Delaware	11,767	12,770	109
Florida	8,080	4,977	62
Georgia	107,333	113,040	105
Kentucky	22,331	23,397	105
Louisiana	12,612	13,992	111
Maryland	33,068	30,669	93
Mississippi	64,973	65,873	101
North Carolina	61,273	60,023	98
Oklahoma	19,536	21,899	112
Pennsylvania	12,538	12,348	98
South Carolina	17,015	15,645	92
Texas	53,164	51,365	97
Virginia	21,216	22,395	106
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	52,913	56,812	107
Other States ^{1/}	18,552	19,110	103
UNITED STATES	720,564	734,801	102

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 35.0 million, up 9 percent from October 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 29.5 million on November 1, 2003, down 2 percent from a year ago.

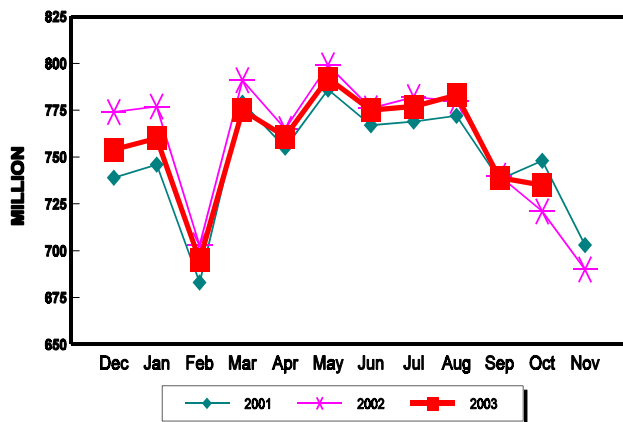
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 306 thousand during October 2003, up 65 percent from October 2002.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	733	777	106
Florida	606	685	113
Georgia	1,920	2,360	123
Indiana	4,204	4,756	113
Iowa	4,855	6,030	124
Minnesota	1,200	1,112	93
Pennsylvania	3,569	5,111	143
Other States ^{1/}	15,062	14,168	94
UNITED STATES	32,149	34,999	109

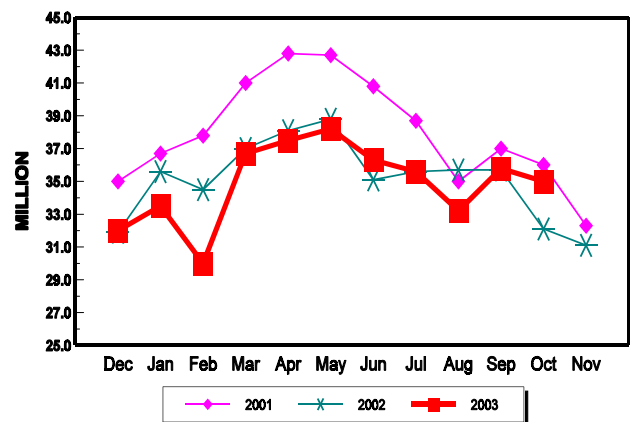
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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



^{1/} Previous Year

EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



^{1/} Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	10,651	11,238	106	3,966	5,002	126
East North Central	7,875	8,212	104	6,458	5,715	88
West North Central	16,971	19,494	115	5,912	7,123	120
South Atlantic	215,964	215,752	100	4,430	2,040	46
South Central	299,739	310,819	104	4,705	4,827	103
West	22,940	22,531	98	4,464	4,759	107
UNITED STATES	574,140	588,046	102	29,935	29,466	98

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, increased 4.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the October average prices received by producers remained the same for broilers, while turkey prices increased 2.9 cents per pound compared to last month. Prices for market eggs increased 6.9 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	30.0	71.0	75.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	27.0	37.0	37.0
Market Eggs <u>2/</u>	Doz.	35.1	63.4	70.3
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	37.2	35.7	38.6

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs in incubators totaled 29.8 million on November 1, 2003, down 2 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 6 percent above the October 2003 total of 28.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 7 percent; West North Central, up 6 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 2 percent; South Central, down 19 percent; and West, down 8 percent.

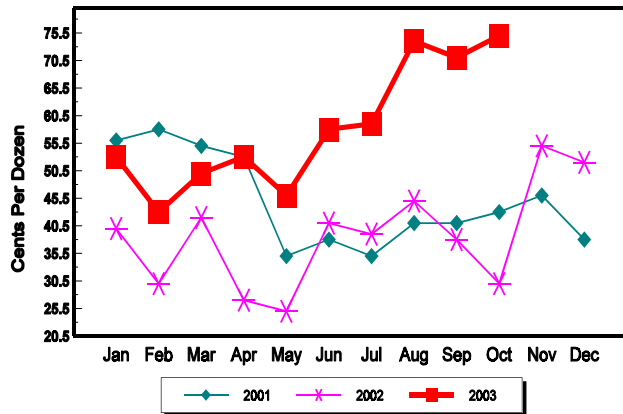
The 22.9 million poult placed during October 2003 in the United States were down 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 3 percent from the September 2003 total of 22.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 13 percent; West North Central, up 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 6 percent; South Central, down 3 percent; and West, down 4 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

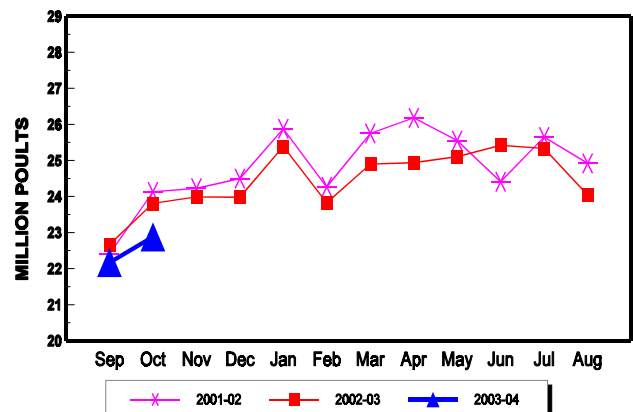
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		<u>2003</u> 2002	Poults Placed During Oct. 1/		<u>2003</u> 2002
	2002	2003		2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,851	4,534	93	3,853	3,359	87
W N Central	10,706	11,362	106	9,082	9,215	101
N & S Atlantic	9,719	9,564	98	7,536	7,091	94
S Central	3,013	2,447	81	2,003	1,934	97
West	2,096	1,925	92	1,337	1,280	96
U.S.	30,385	29,832	98	23,811	22,879	96

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

**MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2001-2003**



**TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2001-2004**



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		03-04 02-03	Cumulative Total		03-04 02-03
	2002-03	2003-04		2002-03	2003-04	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept. ^{2/}	22,670	22,171	98	22,670	22,171	98
Oct.	23,811	22,879	96	46,481	45,050	97
Nov.	23,987			70,468		
Dec.	23,977			94,445		
Jan.	25,389			119,834		
Feb.	23,833			143,667		
Mar.	24,902			168,569		
Apr.	24,938			193,507		
May	25,111			218,618		
June	25,422			244,040		
July	25,330			269,370		
Aug.	24,036			293,406		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised 2003-04 "Total All Breeds" data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 2002	Sept. 2003	Oct. 2003	Oct. 03 Oct. 02	Oct. 03 Sept. 03
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	79,892	66,498	61,999	78	93
Chickens	Lbs.	62,373	31,300	27,176	44	87
Ducks	Lbs.	123	67	93	76	139
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	142,388	97,865	89,268	63	91
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	624,940	647,483	572,360	92	88
Chickens	Lbs.	861,284	604,452	603,471	70	100
Ducks	Lbs.	8,875	2,931	2,733	31	93
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,495,099	1,254,866	1,178,564	79	94
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	13,085	16,640	16,907	129	102

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